## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

## NO. <u>5:10-CR-196-3F</u>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

AMENDED

v.

: AMENDED : <u>Order for dismissal</u>

TAHJI ANTONIO ELEY

Pursuant to Rule 48(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and by leave of Court endorsed herein, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, hereby dismisses Count Five of the Superseding Indictment against the above-captioned defendant for the following reasons:

In light of <u>United States v. Simmons</u>, F.3d., No. 08-4475, 2011 WL 3607266 (4th Cir. 2011) (en banc), the defendant's prior convictions were not punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, and thus his prior convictions were not predicate convictions pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). As a result, the defendant cannot be prosecuted for felon in possession of a firearm under federal law.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of February, 2012.

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Leave of Court is granted for the filing of the foregoing dismissal.

JAMES C. FOX

United States District Judge

DATE: 2/10/12